

TRAIN, CAROUSEL AND SPLASH PAD OPERATING HOURS

The Village Park Train and Carousel will be open weekends through June 3. Weekend hours will be Saturdays (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sundays (noon – 6 p.m.).

Beginning Saturday, June 3, through Sunday, August 13, the train and carousel will be open daily. Hours will be Monday – Saturday (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sunday (noon – 6 p.m.).

The train and carousel will again operate on weekends only (10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturdays and noon – 6 p.m. Sundays) August 19 through October 15. They will also be open



Labor Day, Monday, September 4, from noon – 6 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 per person.

The Splash Pad will be open weekends only beginning Saturday, May 27. Weekend hours will be Saturdays (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sundays (noon – 6 p.m.) until Memorial Day.

Beginning Saturday, June 3, through Sunday, August 13, the Splash Pad will be open daily. Hours will be Monday – Saturday (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sunday (noon – 6 p.m.).

The Splash Pad will again operate on weekends only (10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturdays and noon – 6 p.m. Sundays) beginning August 19. The Splash Pad will also be open Labor Day, Monday, September 4, from noon – 6 p.m. The Village Park Splash Pad offers fun all summer long with its water cannons, geysers and jets. Tickets are \$1.50 per person.



Check Out Our Upcoming

Senior Adult PROGRAMS

www.kannapolisnc.gov/ParksPrograms

ARE “FLUSHABLE” ITEMS REALLY FLUSHABLE?

Did you know that items advertised as “flushable” are not good for the sewer system? Flushing these items may block sewer pipes, causing untreated wastewater to back up into your home and nearby waterways.



Sewer systems force wastewater through the pipes, but “flushable” items do not have enough time to break down between being flushed and entering the system, which results in those items becoming trapped in the pipes and causing damage or a spill.

MAY 2023

Discover a Healthy Life

KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

KANNAPOLIS 2023 SUMMER CONCERT & MOVIE SERIES ANNOUNCED



your lawn chairs. No pets or smoking, please. Food and drinks will be on sale in the parks during the events.

- Jiggy Concert: 7 p.m.**

Friday, May 5 Travis Denning (N.C. Research Campus Horseshoe)
- Village Park Concerts: 7 p.m.**

Saturday, June 3 Collective Soul

Saturday, June 24 Chairmen of the Board

Discover Fun in Kannapolis returns this summer with an incredible line-up of great concerts, movies and, of course, fireworks. Events will be held from May to August. All events are free to the public.

Children 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. You are welcome to bring

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY**
- 4 Run Kannapolis: Jiggy with the Piggy 5K | Vietnam Veterans Park | 6:30 p.m.**
 - 5-6 Jiggy with the Piggy Festival: Travis Denning in concert | NC Research Campus | 7 p.m.**
 - 11 Thursdays on Main: Southside Saints | Veterans Park | 6 p.m.**
 - 13 Cruise-In | NC Research Campus**
 - 20 Run Kannapolis: Gaelic Alley Pub 5K | Downtown Kannapolis | 8 a.m.**
 - 20 Stories Under the Stars: Gravity Check | Kannapolis Library | 7 p.m.**
 - 26 Movies in the Park: Minions: The Rise of Gru | Village Park 8:45 p.m.**
 - 29 Memorial Day Events Veterans Park | 12 p.m.**

Free Admission. No pets or smoking, please. Concessions and food trucks available at concerts and movies. More at kannapolisnc.gov.



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Saturday, July 1	Charlotte Symphony (fireworks will follow the concert)
Friday, July 21	Eddie Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry
Saturday, July 22	Deana Carter
Saturday, August 5	Grand Funk Railroad

Veterans Park – Thursdays on Main: 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 11	Southside Saints
Thursday, June 8	The Embers
Thursday, July 13	Cat 5
Thursday, August 10	Band of Oz
Thursday, September 14	Blackwater Band

Village Park Movies: 8:45 p.m.

Friday, May 26	<i>Minions: The Rise of Gru</i>
Friday, June 16	<i>Jungle Cruise</i>
Friday, July 14	<i>Puss in Boots</i>
Friday, July 28	<i>Top Gun Maverick</i>
Sunday, July 30	<i>Top Gun Maverick</i> (En Espanol)
Atrium Health Ballpark	
Friday, August 11	<i>Luca</i>
Sunday, August 13	<i>Luca</i> (En Espanol) Atrium Health Ballpark

Other events in Kannapolis to enjoy in 2023 include Stories Under the Stars, Run Kannapolis 5Ks, Kannapolis Cannon Ballers baseball games (www.milb.com/kannapolis), Christmas events and much more. You can also download the event schedule at www.kannapolisnc.gov or find it on the City’s Facebook page, and on Twitter and Instagram.

RUN KANNAPOLIS 5K SERIES RETURNS

We are excited to continue the *Run Kannapolis 5K Series* in 2023. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in this unique series featuring the best 5K runs/walks in the City. Each run is held in Kannapolis.

Join the thousands of people who have participated in Run Kannapolis over the years. Run Kannapolis is part of the City of Kannapolis’ Discover a Healthy Life brand. Runners/walkers are encouraged to participate in the entire series of races for unique prizes from the City of Kannapolis.

Register at www.runkannapolis.com; registration is open now. Register for all races and save 25%. Good luck with the 2023 Run Kannapolis series and we hope to see you at the finish line!



STORIES UNDER THE STARS 2023

The popular *Stories Under the Stars* program returns to Kannapolis! Get ready for another series of unique storytelling and performing arts events.

All events are free and begin at 7 p.m. at the Kannapolis Library. Programs are geared toward families with children of all ages and do not require advance registration.

2023 Stories Under the Stars events:

- Saturday, May 20: *Gravity Check* – a family-friendly juggling show
- Saturday, June 17: *Criss Cross Mangosausage* – bilingual music and storytelling
- Saturday, July 15: *Mad Science* – spellbinding science event with a hovercraft
- Saturday, August 19: *Dana Hill* – family-friendly magic show filled with lots of laughter!

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE TRAIL WITH STORY WALKS®

This is the *Year of the Trail* in North Carolina, and the City of Kannapolis is celebrating with Story Walks.® The Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Department encourages you to walk the City’s greenways and participate in Story Walks.® The Year of the Trail was designed by The Great Trails State Coalition to encourage individuals to get outside and explore North Carolina trails.

Each month through July, Story Walks® will be installed along different parks, greenways, walking paths and trails throughout Kannapolis. The Story Walk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg Hubbard Library. The Story Walk® allows families to enjoy reading while walking, riding or running along greenway trails in Kannapolis.

At the start of the greenway, you will find the first two pages of a story displayed, read the pages, walk a few feet, then find and read the next pages. Continue along the trail until you have found and read all the pages of the book. It’s great fun for the whole family!

Each month, a new story will be installed at a new location, so get out, celebrate the Year of the Trail and enjoy the Kannapolis Story Walk®. In Kannapolis we encourage you to Discover a Healthy Life, both physically, socially and mentally, in our

many parks, greenways and nature areas. Share photos and tag us [@cityofkannapolis](https://www.instagram.com/cityofkannapolis)/[@NCYearoftheTrail](https://www.instagram.com/NCYearoftheTrail).

Kannapolis Story Walk books:

- May | *Let’s Go on a Hike*, by Katrina Lu
- June | *Our Great Big Backyard*, by Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager
- July | *Adventures of Myrtle the Turtle*, by Julie Jakeman.

Information about Kannapolis Greenways is available at kannapolisnc.gov.



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